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Economic Requirements for OGI Periodic Requirements List for the
Months, 1 September - 31 December 1956
USSR and European Satellites

USSR

1. It is requested that the following questions be retained in the requirements list.

- p. 23, c
- p. 23, d
- p. 23, f

2. It is suggested that the following questions be added to the construction section of USSR- Internal - Economic (p.23)

a. Have any difficulties been reported in getting new 6th Five-Year Plan projects under way? Is it apparent that priorities have been established for certain projects and held back for others? If so, identify the high and low priority projects and report any explanations. (U)

b. Is there evidence of the abandonment or suspension of any type of construction project, or of the resumption of any previously suspended project? (U)

c. Up to 500,000 youngsters have been asked to volunteer for construction, mainly in the eastern areas. Has any difficulty arisen in filling quotas and keeping youths at their construction projects? (U)

East Germany

1. Suggested additions to the requirements on East Germany is the following:

a. According to present plans, Wismar Harbor is to be expanded to have the same reshipment capacity (2½ million tons) as Luebeck, its West German counterpart. A canal to accommodate ships up to 1000 tons is to be constructed from Wismar to a point on the Elbe river just east of the zonal border. Completion of the project will make

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East Germany and Czechoslovakia independent of the West German ports of Hamburg and Luebeck as transshipment points for their overseas shipments. Information is requested on progress of construction and the amount of investment outlays on this project.

b. Construction of POL facilities in Wismar harbor indicates that on completion of the Elbe-Baltic canal, the Baltic Sea route will be used as a supply line for petroleum products, thus substantially increasing the Soviet Bloc capabilities for logistical support. Progress reports are requested on the construction of POL storage and trans-loading facilities in the Wismar area.

c. Certain long range construction projects, which require large investment outlays but would have little economic justification in a reunified Germany, appear to be planned on the assumption that East Germany will remain separate from the Federal Republic. Examples of such projects are the Wismar Harbor-Elbe-Baltic canal project and the Schwarze Pumpe coking combine. Report on plans for any other such projects, under Soviet sponsorship or with Soviet aid, as possible indicators of Soviet and East German attitudes toward German reunification.

d. There are some recent indications that D-RSS peninsula has replaced Rugen Island as the site for a proposed East German submarine base. Report on construction activity and indications that such a base is under construction on D-RSS peninsula.

e. It is requested that the following items be retained in the requirement list:

- p. 52, items 5, 6-a
- p. 54, items 7-g, 8-d

Albania

Retain p. 37, item 6-g, 6-h

Bulgaria

Retain p. 41, item 2-f

Czechoslovakia

Retain p. 47, item 4-g

Hungary

Retain p. 58, item 2-d, 2-e, 2-1

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Poland

Retain p.66, items 12-a, 12-b

Romania

Retain p.68, item 2-c.

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